Thursday, October 23, 2008

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 24

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$22,002 in grant funding from the Capital Area Council of Governments; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$22,002 for a total grant amount of \$220,002 for the Senior Nutrition Program at various City operated Senior Centers.

Amount and Source of Funding: Additional funding in the amount of \$22,002 is available from the Capitol Area Council of Governments, Austin, TX. The grant period is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. City match of 10% is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

For More Information: Angela Means, Division Manager, 974-6712

Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget on September 8, 2008

The purpose of the Senior Nutrition Program is to provide nutritious, congregate meals to senior citizens at various Senior Centers. This program year, 84,000 meals are expected to be served at eight Senior and Recreation Centers. The Capital Area Council of Government(CAPCOG) allocates funds for the implementation of this program.

CAPCOG has awarded the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department a total amount of \$220,002 for the grant period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The current approved appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget is \$200,000. The requested increase of \$22,002 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$200,000 and the grant award amount of \$220,002.

The additional funds are the result of a higher than expected reimbursement rate and will be used to cover cost increases associated with the grant.

No increases in performance are anticipated due to the receipt of the additional funds.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to the submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.